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Finance Committee Oversight Hearing to Focus on Terrorism and Use of Fake Identification

Hearing: "The Alias Among Us: The Homeland Security and Terrorism Threat from Document Fraud, Identity Theft and Social Security Number Misuse"

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003/10 a.m. (EDT)

Location: G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Description: Sen. Grassley has organized this oversight hearing of the Committee on Finance to focus on the way that document fraud, identity theft and Social Security number misuse affect homeland security. False identification is one of the first steps terrorists must take to assimilate into American life as part of a sleeper cell. With counterfeit identity documents or valid identity document under an alias, terrorist can function in everyday society while providing support for accomplices or plotting their own attacks.

The Tuesday hearing – which will include the release of a report by the Office of Special Investigations of the General Accounting Office – will highlight the ease with which terrorists can obtain fraudulent identities with either counterfeit or valid documents, even two years after the attacks of September 11, and the government's response.

Witnesses: A prisoner who has pled guilty to federal fraud charges (tentative)

Robert Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations
accompanied by John Cooney, Assistant Director, Office of Special Investigations
and Ron Malfi, Director, Office of Special Investigations
U.S. General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Asa Hutchinson, Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security

Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

James Lockhart, Deputy Commissioner
Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland

John S. Pistole, Acting Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

Patrick O'Carroll, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations
Office of Inspector General, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland

Linda R. Lewis, President and Chief Executive Officer
American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, Arlington, Virginia

Robert Douglas, Chief Executive Officer
American Privacy Consultants, Oak Creek, Colorado.

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